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SHEEP, LAMB, AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2019

ARIZONA

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 115,000 head, down 8 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 4 percent from last year to 86,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 17 percent to 29,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 6 percent to 18,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 6 percent from last year to 63,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 4,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 29,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 25,000 head were market lambs. There were 11,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 5,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 11,000 head last year; and 7,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 7,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop, at 44,000 head, was up 7 percent from the 2017 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2018 totaled 570,000 pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 83,000 head, was down 8 percent from 90,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2018 totaled \$684,000, and was up 25 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.20 per pound of wool sold compared with \$0.90 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 10 percent from last year to 27,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 33,000 head on January 1, 2019, compared with 30,000 head last year. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 125,000 pounds, up 19 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 28,000 head, was up 4 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2018 totaled \$163,000, and was up 29 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.30 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.20 the previous year.

COLORADO

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 420,000 head, down 6 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 5 percent from last year to 185,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 6 percent to 235,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 12 percent to 29,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 4 percent from last year to 150,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 235,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 233,000 head were market lambs. There were 5,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 20,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 4,000 head from the previous year; 60,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 66,000 head last year; and 148,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 153,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop, at 185,000 head, was unchanged from the 2017 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2018 totaled 2.20 million pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 315,000 head, was up 2 percent from 310,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2018 totaled \$4.62 million, and was up 22 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.10 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.80 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 24,000 head on January 1, 2019, compared with 23,000 head last year and milk goats totaled 10,000 head, compared with 9,000 head a year ago.

MONTANA

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 215,000 head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 6 percent from last year to 183,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 7 percent to 32,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 8 percent to 36,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 6 percent from last year to 141,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 32,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 30,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 8,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 13,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 8,000 head last year; and 7,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 11,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop, at 180,000 head, was down 5 percent from the 2017 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2018 totaled 1.61 million pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 180,000 head, was down 8 percent from 195,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2018 totaled \$4.03 million, and was up 21 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.50 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.90 per pound the previous year.

NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 100,000 head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 1 percent from last year to 81,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 19 percent to 19,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 6 percent to 15,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 5 percent from last year to 61,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 5,000 head, is down

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1,000 head from last year. Of the 19,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 17,000 head were market lambs. There were 5,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 6,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 3,000 head from the previous year; 4,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 4,000 head last year; and 2,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 3,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop, at 48,000 head, was up 7 percent from the 2017 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2018 totaled 625,000 pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 82,000 head, was up 1 percent from 81,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2018 totaled \$1.31 million, and was up 33 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.10 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.60 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 5 percent from last year to 9,000 head. Mohair production in New Mexico totaled 30,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 7,000 head, was unchanged from last year. The value of mohair production for 2018 totaled \$48,000, and was up 14 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.60 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.40 the previous year.

UTAH

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 290,000 head, up 5 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 4 percent from last year to 260,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 20 percent to 30,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 2 percent to 41,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 5 percent from last year to 210,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 9,000 head, is up 1,000 head from last year. Of the 30,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 28,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 2,000 head from the previous year; 11,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 head last year; and 13,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 9,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop, at 235,000 head, was up 2 percent from the 2017 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2018 totaled 2.22 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 245,000 head, was unchanged from a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2018 totaled \$4.44 million, and was up 12 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.00 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.80 per pound the previous year.

WYOMING

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 350,000 head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 2 percent from last year to 265,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 85,000 head. The number of replacement lambs were unchanged at 43,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 2 percent from last year to 215,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 85,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 83,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 12,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 32,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 36,000 head last year; and 38,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 31,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop, at 240,000 head, was up 2 percent from the 2017 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2018 totaled 2.40 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 285,000 head, was up 2 percent from 280,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2018 totaled \$6.00 million, and was up 28 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.50 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.00 per pound the previous year.

UNITED STATES

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 5.23 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019, decreased 1 percent from 3.87 million head on January 1, 2018. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.00 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2019 totaled 1.41 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2018 lamb crop of 3.24 million head was up slightly from 2017. The 2018 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from 2017. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2018 was 24.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.37 million head, down 2 percent from 2017. The average price paid for wool sold in 2018 was \$1.75 per pound for a total value of 42.8 million dollars, up 16 percent from 36.8 million dollars in 2017. Sheep death loss during 2018 totaled 216 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2017. Lamb death loss increased 6 percent from 367 thousand head to 388 thousand head in 2018.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.15 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 474 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2018 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2017. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.06 million head on January 1, 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Milk goat inventory was 430 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2018, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 137 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2018 was 755 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 133 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.25 per pound with a value of 3.96 million dollars.

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2018, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to goats and kids inventory and kid crop at the United States level. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to sheep and lambs inventory and lamb crop. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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